

WHO WILL HEAR THIS SISTER'S CRY FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE?

ASTORIA, ILL., May 14th, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST READERS:—I feel greatly encouraged when I read of the many successful revivals that are held at different places. I often think if we only could enjoy a few such meetings how much stronger we might be. But of course we don't all have the same opportunity.

There are some I feel quite sure, who have the Gospel preached to them the year round, who could, if only they would, allow their pastor to come to Astoria and hold a meeting for us, also a communion; it is true we are all poor, have not helped towards the mission, can not afford to build a church or hire a minister, but I feel as though our souls were good enough to have the bread-of-life fed to us one or two weeks, out of every year. The Bible teaches that "the poor have the Gospel preached to them," but I don't think that we poor members at and near Astoria, are having the Gospel preached to us; I notice in nearly every paper where an effort is made to get a minister to hold meetings at this or at that place, and often wonder why it is that we are so sadly neglected, were we able I'm sure we should have a church, and a minister to preach for us; I think the duty of some minister to come and give us a week, or two of meetings, and hold a communion for us, for, should one of us be called out of this world, we would undoubtedly feel as though we were neglected in having that blessed opportunity of partaking of that "bread" and of that "cup" which our Lord and Saviour gave to his disciples.

Isn't there some one who would come and give us a short series of meetings, to strengthen and encourage us? I feel quite sure that each and every one of us that accepted Christ under the "Gospel Alone Doctrine" are striving hard to make Heaven our home, although we have no preaching, prayer-meeting or Sunday school of our own we remember that it is written "where two or three are gathered together in my name there will I be in the midst of them" and we truly realize that He is ever with us, for without Him we of ourselves could do nothing.

Pray for us that we may ever prove faithful, and may it be but a short time until some one will visit us with a few sermons. There are yet other souls to be saved in this place, as well as in other places. We fully expected Bro. Bashor here this past winter, but he failed to reappear.

A sister in Christ,
MRS. E. A. SNOWDEN.

JONES MILLS, PA., May 16, 1894.

MY DEAR BROTHER HARRISON:—Will you please announce through the EVANGELIST that the Brethren church at Jones Mills will have communion services on the eve of June 3d. A cordial invitation is extended to all of like faith, especially those of adjacent congregations. Bro. W. F. Murry of Stauffer, Pa., please bring your flock and come over into a change of pasture.
W. A. HARMAN.

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HARRISONBURG, VA. May 15th, 1894.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—The good work is still going on. The "Gospel Alone" doctrine is making many converts all over this great country of ours. How can we push the work more effectively? Our hearts were made to rejoice at our last regular appointment at Mt Grove. At the closing of our talk we as, is our custom, invited the sinners to confess Christ. One responded. He is seventy-seven years old. This looks like coming in at the eleventh hour, but let them come; they have the promise. Quite a sensation was produced at his conversion. Three hundred people came to witness the baptism. Others near the cross. We need more ministers in Va., and more consecration in our churches. There is grand field open here for us. I have only been preaching one year, but the Lord has abundantly blest my weak efforts. I feel sure if we could keep Bro. Shaver or Bro. Bowman here with us all the time we would have no trouble to secure a large membership. Pray for our success. May we ever be humble learners, and feel that without Jesus we can do nothing.

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